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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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IN RE APPLICATION OF : EXAMINER: **BORIN, Michael L.**  
**Francis X. Ignatious** : ART UNIT: **1631**  
APPLICATION NO.: **09/744,350** :  
FILED: **May 22, 2001** :  
FOR: **ENCAPSULATION OF WATER** :  
**SOLUBLE PEPTIDES** :  
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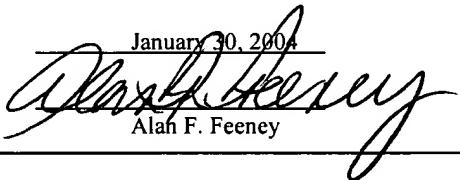
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 17) mailed  
on July 30, 2003, the period for response there having been  
extended so as to expire on January 30, 2004 pursuant to **RECEIVED**  
Applicant's Petition for Extension of Time filed **FEB 10 2004**  
concurrently with this Reply, please amend the above- ~~TECH CENTED 7600/2600~~  
identified application as follows.

The present amendments follow the revised format  
procedure mandated in 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, published June 30,  
2003.